



Dear Parent/Carer

7 June 2017

It was only in our last newsletter that I had the unfortunate duty to talk to you about the impact of the Manchester attack and it doesn't seem possible that in our following letter I would be mentioning a new incident. All our thoughts and our prayers are with the families and loved ones of the victims of both attacks. As the crowds gathered for the concert on Sunday night so evidently demonstrated, such attacks will not succeed in breaking down communities and creating a climate of hate but will only reinforce all our resolve to hold on to our shared values. We flew the the flag at half mast again yesterday and today and observed a minute's silence at 11am across the school.

PARENTS' FORUM

You are all invited to our bi-annual parents' meeting. This event happens every October and June and is an opportunity for us to discuss with you key aspects of our work and to give parents an opportunity to ask questions and tell us how we can improve our provision. The next meeting is on **Thursday 15th June** at **6pm** in the **Media Hall**. The meeting will start with a short presentation on raising attainment for boys and our assessment and homework policies, and will then be an open forum. The meeting will be over by 7pm at the latest.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 7SHW who were our best attenders in the last week of half term with 99.2%. Keep up the good work.

Live.ly MOBILE APP

Merseyside Police have contacted me with a very important warning about the Live.ly mobile app. It is the fastest growing social media streaming app available and has approximately 20 million users worldwide. It enables users to live stream videos of themselves, and watch videos from other users.

It has limited security features, making it possible for users to potentially identify where a video is being streamed from or has been recorded. Any video can be recorded or shared without the permission or knowledge of the person who made it.

Many legitimate apps are being used by young people in a way that allows them to communicate with, or be contacted by strangers, which creates a very real and significant risk to them.

Merseyside Police are keen for parents to make sure they know the apps their children are using, how those apps work and how they are being used.

Whether it is staff at the Local Authority, at our schools, parents and carers, we all have a responsibility to know the warning signs of exploitation so we can prevent a child or young person from putting themselves at risk or forming inappropriate relationships. You can find out more online at [Listen to My Story](#), the [Police Safety Centre](#) and the [NSPCC](#)

PARENTS' EVENING – SOUTHPORT COLLEGE – WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2017 5.30pm & 6.30pm

Parents of Year 11 students who have applied to Southport College this year are invited to attend one of the two talks. These will outline the enrolment process and what to expect once a student starts their studies at the College. There will also be the opportunity for parents to ask questions and advice about courses and support on offer.

Mrs Jeffery

SKI COURSE 2018 – Courmayeur, Italy

Please note that the trip is now full and we are unable to secure any extra availability due to the hotel we have booked being fully booked also. Confirmed travel dates are as follows: departing 10 February (approx. 1pm) and returning to school 18 February (approx. 2pm).

Mr Milner

SKI COURSE 2019 – Pila Aosta, Italy

Please find details attached regarding our next available ski course to Pila, Italy. Our ski courses are always popular and enjoyed by pupils. They also tend to fill up quickly so should you wish for your son to join the trip, please complete and return the reply slip to Mr Milner in the Technology department.

Mr Milner

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Since 1st June 2017 uniform is no longer available directly from the School and the on-site uniform shop is closed and all stock has been removed from the School.

From 8th June 2017 there will be a link on the School's website at 'Our School Shop' to our uniform supplier, Kitted Out Ltd, where all uniforms can be ordered and paid for.

Kitted Out will deliver uniforms that have been ordered to the school for distribution to students or to be collected by parents/carers from the school house at designated times. There will also be an option for uniforms to be posted to home addresses if that is more convenient.

During the summer break, so that uniforms can be chosen, tried on and ordered, Kitted Out will be on-site, in the School dining room or School House, on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 19th July – dining room 1pm to 4pm

Saturday 29th July – dining room 10am to 4pm

Monday 31st July to Tuesday 1st August – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Wednesday 16th August to Friday 18th August – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Saturday 19th August – dining room 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 23rd August to Thursday 24th August – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Monday 4th September – School House 10am to 2:30pm

Kitted Out are an experienced uniform supplier and provide uniform services to a number of other schools in the Merseyside area. The School and Kitted Out are working in partnership to provide a more efficient and convenient uniform service, whilst also keeping prices as low as possible.

The School will no longer hold any uniform stock and will not be able to sell uniforms or collect payments. All enquiries and issues regarding uniforms must be discussed with Kitted Out Ltd by contacting them via their website at www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk or by telephone at 0151 920 9020.

Mrs Smith

SCIENCE 'TOTAL RECALL' QUIZ LEAGUE

Well done to all boys who are currently engaging with the "Total recall" quiz league. The notice board will be updated this week so you can check your position after the 9th quiz. We have some new-comers to the top twenty:

Shafayet Uddin, Ethan Mosson and Ben Wilkie. Congratulations to them and to the boys who consistently work hard to maintain their position. **The next quiz has been set and is due on 16th June.**

Mrs Flood

Assignment Due On:		01.11.16	01.11.16	19.11.16	20.01.17	17.02.17	10.03.17	31.03.17	05.05.17	26.05.17	
Assignment Title:		Total Recall (Yr 10 Cell Biology)	Units in physics	Particle model of matter	Energy	Transport Across Membranes	Structure, bonding and the properties of matter.	Electricity	Enzymes and digestion	Electrolysis and salts	
Rank	Set by:	SB	JSW	JCS	JCS	ZF	SZB	JSW	ZF	SHW	TOTAL
1	Ethan Mobbs-Pursell	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	895
2	Samuel Cooper	100	96	100	100	95	100	100	100	100	891
3	Vlad Ungureanu	100	88	100	100	95	95	95	100	100	873
4	Benjamin Harvey	100	92	100	100	95	90	90	100	95	862
5	William Scott	95	76	100	100	95	100	100	100	95	861
6	Nathan Crewe	100	80	100	100	100	95	100	95	90	860
7	Kasraa Mohammadi	95	88	92	90	100	90	95	90	100	840
8	Nathan Scales	85	80	100	100	100	100	90	90	90	835
9	Shafayet Uddin	100	100	64	80	95	100	100	95	100	834
10	Tom Porter	90	84	96	100	85	90	100	85	90	820
11	Elliot Ratcliffe	90	68	80	100	95	85	95	100	90	803
12	Ethan Mosson	100	68	92	100	85	95	75	75	100	790
13	Solomon Palmer	100	72	80	100	75	75	95	95	95	787
14	Ryan Stephens	75	88	84	100	100	85	80	90	80	782
15	Ibrahim Hossien	85	56	60	80	95	100	100	100	100	776
16	Scott James	100	88	100	100	85	100	100	100	0	773
17	Lewis Hill	95	68	84	100	80	100	85	80	80	772
18	Dawid Ligas	95	52	92	100	80	90	85	75	90	759
19	Luis Spencer	100	64	64	100	90	95	75	85	85	758
20	Ben Wilkie	80	60	80	100	95	95	90	70	85	755

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PROJECT LINUS

After a meeting with the Southport Learning Partnership, all the schools in Southport are partaking in the Project Linus charity. Project Linus UK is a volunteer organisation which aims to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers in hospitals. They do this by creating homemade patchwork quilts. The primary schools we are matched with have the opportunity to learn the skills needed and teach others, as a school, we want to be able to provide them with as much quality material as possible. If you have any unwanted cotton shirts at home, we would be very grateful if you could send them to Mrs Brook in G13 so that they can be passed on to the organisation. For more information please visit <http://projectlinusuk.org.uk/>
Mrs Brook



MAY MATHS CLASS CHAMPIONS

The following boys are the current class champions for their class in maths. Most of these hold the record for the highest module test score.
Mrs Thompson

U1 Mrs McGarry	U2 Mrs Thompson	U3 Miss Cain	U7 Mrs Woodcock	U8 Mrs Duffy	U9 Mr Marshall	G13 Mrs Brook
Hugh Wigmore	James Caldwell Oliver Sharples	James Taylor-Dayus	Lucas Balshaw Dylan Thompson			Peter Guest
Mikey O'Neill	Alex Major Leon Elliott	Owen McKenzie Harvey Fletcher	Lee Thompson			James Britton
Jack Swain						
Nathaniel Pye						
Douglas Dickson						
Alex Hobby	William Cooper	Elliott Brown	Callum Donaldson		Louis Verite	
Nathan Crewe Sam Cooper	Lewis Hill Dan Hames-Godfrey	Stanley Cannon	James O'Keefe	Alessio Francis		

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PE AND SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Inter-form Basketball Shootout Competition

The first Year 9 inter-form competition of the term took place on Thursday 25 May 2017 during lunchtime and included a Basketball Shootout Competition. The goal of each of our inter-form competitions is to encourage every boy in the year to get involved in an attempt to achieve a 100% participation rate and provide a healthy competition between the form groups. Penalty points were given for every non-attender. However, form teachers were able to achieve bonus points for their respective forms. Well done to the sports leaders Elliot Berisha, Henry Etheridge, Sol Palmer, Ben Gaskell, Tom Porter and Lewis Ball. A final well done to the form groups and form tutors who participated the scoring was as follows:

Form	No of boys	% Attendance	Points	Non attenders	Net points	Position	Year %
9IN	3/22	7%	87	19	48	4	55.8%
9MJ	15/24	63%	48	9	39	5	
9PZM	14/26	54%	88	12	76	1	
9JG	17/24	75%	59	6	53	3	
9CW	18/24	71%	55	7	68	2	



Visit from Olympian

Students Involved: James Britton, Max Calvert, Matthew Edwards, Bryn Ellington, Oliver Gantley, Zachary Harbon, Liam Hornby, Kelvin Ibrahim, Ben Lawrenson, Leon Mc Keown, Sam Parkinson, Robinson Rafferty, Luke Reynolds, Jay Spencer Jackson, Michael Ascott, Thomas Carragher, Kian Champion, Fraser Cooke, Lewis Daley, Jack Dawson, Charlie Hillier, Sam Lee, Alfi Monaghan, Mackenzie Morgan, Travis Nolan, Michael O'Neill, Faysal Patel, Joseph Pickerill, Louie Southern, Benedict Summers Boyce, Louie Wilson, Jensen Worsley, George Brain

Due to the Sky Sports Living for Sport Programme we had a visit from form Olympian and ex-England goalkeeper Rachel Brown-Finnis. Rachel was in to meet with the Silver Sports Ambassadors and their future project. She managed to find time to speak to the boys on motivation specifically the importance of doing your best and aspirations for professional sporting career.



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National Schools Badminton Finals

Squad: Danny Hyde, Owen Highton, Ben Wilkie, Oliver Rimmer



The KS4 badminton team attended the National Schools Badminton Finals at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes. The boys were drawn in the same group as Devonport School for boys and Reading School. Birkdale dispatched Devonport to get their campaign off to a good start. Next up was Reading School. Birkdale lost in a game they really should have won. In fact Reading School went on to win the tournament. Oh what could have been?

National School Championships 2016-17 Finals

KS4 Boys Group 2

Devonport High School for Boys - Birkdale High School

Saturday 06/05/2017 11:00 Court 8 - Main Location

Order	Event	Devonport High	Birkdale High School	Score	Points
1	B01	William Peck	Oliver Rimmer	9-21	0/1
2	B02	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Highton	21-16	1/1
3	B03	Oliver Highton	Ben Wilkie	8-21	1/2
4	B04	Ben Wilkie	Danny Hyde	17-21	1/3
5	B05	Danny Hyde	Oliver Rimmer	9-21	1/4

National School Championships 2016-17 Finals

KS4 Boys Group 2

Reading School KS4 Boys - Birkdale High School

Saturday 06/05/2017 13:00 Court 7 - Main Location

Order	Event	Reading School KS4	Birkdale High School	Score	Points
1	B01	Anthony Clark	Oliver Rimmer	21-13	1/0
2	B02	Oliver Highton	Oliver Rimmer	21-17	2/0
3	B03	Ben Wilkie	Ben Wilkie	16-21	2/1
4	B04	Oliver Highton	Oliver Highton	19-21	2/2
5	B05	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Rimmer	21-16	3/2

Birkdale then dropped into the second tier to play for the 4-6 positions. Birkdale played St Olave's Grammar School and Ashby School and won reasonably comfortably to finish in 4th position in the country. Not bad considering 1500 schools enter the competition with 40,000 entrants.

National School Championships 2016-17 Finals

KS4 Boys KS4 Boys Places 4-6

Birkdale High School - St Olave's Grammar School

Saturday 06/05/2017 14:40 Court 7 - Main Location

Order	Event	Birkdale High School	St Olave's Grammar	Score	Points
1	B01	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Rimmer	21-10	1/0
2	B02	Oliver Highton	Oliver Highton	16-21	1/1
3	B03	Ben Wilkie	Ben Wilkie	21-13	2/1
4	B04	Oliver Highton	Oliver Highton	21-11	3/1
5	B05	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Rimmer	15-21	3/2

National School Championships 2016-17 Finals

KS4 Boys KS4 Boys Places 4-6

Ashby School - Birkdale High School

Saturday 06/05/2017 16:40 Court 7 - Main Location

Order	Event	Ashby School	Birkdale High School	Score	Points
1	B01	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Rimmer	22-21	0/1
2	B02	Oliver Highton	Oliver Highton	21-16	1/1
3	B03	Ben Wilkie	Ben Wilkie	15-21	1/2
4	B04	Oliver Rimmer	Oliver Rimmer	20-21	1/3
5	B05	Oliver Highton	Oliver Highton	21-16	2/3

During the day the boys got to meet and speak to former Olympian Anthony Clark.



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Big thanks must go to the parents for helping to fund raise and assistance in travel arrangements. A massive thank you goes to Morrisons Southport Branch for allowing us to raise money for the trip, Woodvale Badminton Club and the BPA both for their financial support. Well done again to the boys a massive achievement finishing 4th in the country. Roll on next year.

Mr Keary

BPA NEWS

BPA Meeting

The next informal BPA meeting takes place this evening (Wednesday 7 June) at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us, if only for a cuppa, please email bpa@birkdalehigh.co.uk and we can arrange for a member to meet you to show you where the meeting is held.

Cake Sales

Thank you to all those parents/carers who buy or make cakes for our termly cake sales. If you are missing a cake or tupperware box or maybe a tray, they are being looked after in the main office. Please can you collect these by the end of the Summer Term. Any outstanding after this date will be donated to the Catering Department. Thank you.



GREEN MACHINE

In response to World Oceans Day on Thursday this week the Green Machine would like to make more students aware of the problems facing our oceans, especially the problem of plastic pollution. To do this we have sent out some material to be shown in form. We would like students to discuss what they have learned with their families to increase awareness. The theme of World Oceans Day this year is 'Our Oceans our Future'.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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SKI COURSE 2019 (FEB HALF TERM - PILA, ITALY)

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Following the fantastic success of this year's ski trip to Winter Park (Colorado) and 2018's trip to Courmayeur (Italy) now being fully booked, I am happy to inform you that we now have places available for February half term 2019. By booking this far in advance, we have managed to secure a price match for our current trip and we also appreciate that many parents value the extra time to budget for such experiences for their son(s).

We have provisionally booked the resort of Pila, located in the Aosta valley in the North West of Italy. We have skied there as a school group a number of times and know the area and its facilities well. The ski company's infrastructure and organisation is very impressive, with the mountain providing superb conditions to learn to ski or to develop techniques as a competent skier. The evening entertainment facilities, for us to fill the week with lots of fun things to do, are also impressive.

The resort is suited to skiers of all abilities, with magnificent views sweeping the Alps, from Mont Blanc to Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn. There are 100 kms of perfectly maintained pistes, modern ski lifts, 250+ snow cannons (meaning superb snow-making) and a tempting mix of tree-lined runs and vast, wide, open spaces. The trip is open to all pupils in school, whether they have skied before or are complete beginners wishing to experience it for the first time.

The total cost of the trip is £999 and will include the following: -

- Executive coach travel, from school to resort and return, including ferry crossing and road tolls
- 6 nights 3* half-board accommodation in a modern hotel with private facilities in all rooms.
- 24 hours (6 x 4 hours) of instruction by fully qualified, English-speaking, Snowsport instructors.
- Fully supervised hot snack lunches at a choice of mountain restaurants (effectively full-board basis).
- Hire of top quality carving skis, boots, poles & helmets.
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance for all members of the party.

I must take this opportunity to stress that the price **does not** include ski clothing (which can be rented from the company or purchased at fairly low costs online and locally).

Payment will be by instalments according to the following schedule: -

- Initial (non refundable) deposit of £100 with returned reply slip.
- Second (non refundable) deposit of £100 by September 7, 2017
- Third (non refundable) deposit of £100 by October 5, 2017
- Remaining balance of £699 by November 8, 2018

After the deposits are paid, you can obviously pay via instalments to suit you either via cash, cheque or Parentpay (payment cards are available upon request). Please write 'Ski Trip ITALY 2019' and your son's name and form on the reverse of all cheques and return them directly to **me (not the school office)**.

If you would like your son to be included on the 2019 trip to Italy, please return the reply slip and initial deposit to me (in the Technology Dept) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email (azmilner@birkdalehigh.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Milner (Ski Course Organiser)

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REPLY SLIP: SKI COURSE 2019 – PILA, ITALY

To Mr Milner, Ski Course Organiser, Birkdale High School.

I would like my son _____ Form _____
to be included on the 2019 ski trip to Pila, Italy.

Please circle the appropriate payment method below;

I enclose cash / cheque for £100 (made payable to Birkdale High School).

I have paid the sum of £100 via ParentPay.

I understand that this initial (and subsequent) deposit is non-refundable if I choose to cancel his place and it cannot be filled by another pupil within school.

Signed

Parent/Guardian

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UNIFORMS

FROM 1ST JUNE 2017 OUR ON-SITE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED AND NO UNIFORM STOCK WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL.

FROM 8TH JUNE 2017 ALL UNIFORMS WILL NEED BE ORDERED THROUGH OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER - KITTED OUT LTD USING THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE TO OUR SCHOOL SHOP.

ORDERED UNIFORMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL BY KITTED OUT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS, OR COLLECTION BY PARENTS/CARERS AT DESIGNATED TIMES. ALTERNATIVELY, UNIFORMS CAN BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO HOME ADDRESSES

KITTED OUT LTD WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER BREAK SO THAT UNIFORMS CAN BE TRIED ON AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday 19th July - dining room 1pm to 4pm

Saturday 29th July - dining room 10am to 4pm

Monday 31st July to Tuesday 1st August - dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Wednesday 16th August to Friday 18th August - dining room 10am to 2:30pm

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Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September - dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Monday 4th September - school house 10am to 2:30pm

THE SCHOOL & KITTED OUT LTD ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT UNIFORM SERVICE, WHILST ALSO KEEPING PRICES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

ALL ENQUIRIES REGARDING UNIFORMS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH KITTED OUT LTD VIA THEIR WEBSITE AT: www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk OR BY TELEPHONE ON 0151 920 9020